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NOTICE OF TECHNICAL CONFERENCE

TO: Any Person Interested in Net Metering
Service Lists in Investigation into Rate Structures that will Promote Efficient
Deployment of Demand Resources, D.P.U. 07-50, Distributed Generation,
D.T.E./D.P.U. 07-6, and Distributed Generation, D.T.E. 02-38
Via Email and First Class Mail

FROM: Paul J. Hibbard, Chairman
W. Robert Keating, Commissioner
Tim Woolf, Commissioner

DATE: October 3, 2008

RE: Net Metering, D.P.U. 08-75
Notice of Technical Conference To Be Held on October 30, 2008 and Requests
to Participate

cc: Mary Cottrell, Secretary

On July 2, 2008, Governor Deval Patrick signed into law Chapter 169 of the Acts of 2008, an Act Relative to Green Communities ("Green Communities Act"). The Green Communities Act requires the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") to adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement provisions relating to net metering. St. 2008, c. 169, § 78. To assist in the development of these rules and regulations, the Department will hold a technical conference to engage interested persons in a discussion of the issues associated with implementing the net metering provisions of the Green Communities Act. This technical conference will be followed by a rulemaking pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 2 and 220 C.M.R. § 2.05.

The Department will hold this technical conference on **Thursday, October 30, 2008, at 1:00 p.m.**, at the Department's offices, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts. Anyone interested in participating in this technical conference must notify the Department in writing no later than the close of business on **Friday, October 17, 2008**, by providing complete contact information (e.g., name, title, company name, business address, telephone, fax, and email address) for each participant. Any person interested in commenting may submit written comments to the Department at the time of the technical conference.¹ However, written comments are not necessary at this time; there will be ample opportunity for interested persons to comment on proposed net metering regulations in the context of the subsequent rulemaking.

An agenda and discussion materials will be distributed in advance of the technical conference to interested persons who have timely filed notices of their participation. These materials will also be available on the Department's website: <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>. Any documents received in this matter will be available for public inspection at the Department's offices during business hours. Also, copies of documents may be available on the Department's website. For further information regarding this notice, please contact Shaela McNulty Collins, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3611.

¹ All documents should also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@state.ma.us and the hearing officer [Shaela.Collins@state.ma.us]; or (2) on a 3.5" disk or CD-ROM. The text of the e-mail, disk label, or CD-ROM must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 08-75); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be created in either Corel WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, or Adobe Acrobat (version 7 or higher). Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel (version 2000). The Department strongly encourages filers to avoid submitting scanned files but will accept them for posting when an alternative version does not exist in electronic format. In addition, if the petitioner, applicant, or any other participant has already filed a document relevant to this proceeding, such as the initial petition, application, or filing, without providing an electronic copy of that document, such entity is directed to do so in compliance with the above electronic filing requirements as soon as practicable.